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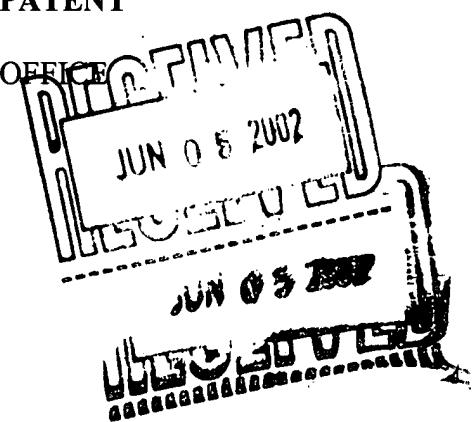
Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the disclosure documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which are believed to be the most relevant known to applicants concerning the invention as claimed in the application identified above. Copies of the reference cited are enclosed herewith.

The cited reference is mentioned in the specification of the present application at page 2, and is accompanied by an English language abstract.

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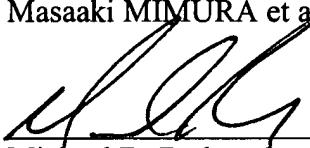
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